MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether Government received any petition in 1115 from the people of Dharmapuram of Thengapattanam pakuthi objecting to the construction of the London Mission Church ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : If the honourable member will refer me to the date, I shall enquire into the matter.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether Government received any petition in 1115 ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : If I am referred to the particular month and date, I shall enquire.

Students studying in the Third Form.

153 * MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of students studying in the Third Form in the Schools in the State ;

(*b*) whether the Government have decided to conduct a public examination for students in the Third Form ;

(*c*) if so, the fee for such examination ;

(*d*) what the net income to Government will be after meeting the examination expenses from the fees levied from each candidate ;

(*e*) whether such examination qualifies the candidate for getting any appointment in the State ;

(*f*) what is the purpose of holding any such examination ; and

(*g*) whether it is not possible to hold such examination free of fees ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) 10,502 as at the beginning of the year 1115.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. (3-14-0) three and chackrams fourteen only.

(*d*) About Rs. 4,500.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The institution of a Public Examination at the end of Form III has been decided on mainly to regulate promotions from Form III to the High School classes.

(*g*) No.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know how these promotions were regulated ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The promotions were made by the Headmasters in each school.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether there is any defect in that system ; and if so what ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The defect is that the promotions are not satisfactory.

MR. G VELU PILLAI : May I know whether there is any comparative examination at the end of the 4th class course in Malayalam schools ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Arrangements are asked to be made by the Assistant Inspectors in each district

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MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether any fee is collected from the students?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: A small fee is collected not from the children but from the teachers.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether it will not be sufficient if similar examinations are conducted in the third form also?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No, the standards are so very different.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether there is any such examination conducted at present in British India

MR. A GOPALA MENON: Not in British India, but an examination of the same kind is conducted in Cochin.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Does the standard of examination depend upon the amount of fee prescribed for the public examinations?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes. The number of papers set, the duration of each paper etc., and the remuneration paid to ensure efficiency will vary with the fee levied.

Alleppey-Kallercode Road.

154 * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Alleppey-Kallercode road *via* Chandanakavoo;

(*b*) when it was last metalled and maintained;

(*c*) what is the maintenance charge per mile per year;

(*d*) whether any amount was spent on it this year for maintenance; and

(*e*) if so, when and what amount?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) 2 miles 4 furlongs and 380 feet.

(*b*) This is a gravelled road and was last maintained in Mithunam 1115.

(*c*) Rs. 200 per mile for the portion up to Pazhaveedu temple and Rs. 300 per mile for the remaining distance.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Rs. 900 was spent in 1115.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the place?

MR. M S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I have not inspected the place.

Kottayam-Kottarakara transport line.

155 * **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state in regard to the Kottayam-Kottarakara transport line:

(*a*) the total number of buses running on the line;

(*b*) its capital investment;

(*c*) receipts till the close of Edavom 1115; and

(d) the net income, deducting expenses under petrol,, salary, interest on the outlay for buildings, depreciation etc.?

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